

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Office for the indication that pending claims 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so amended claim 16 (claim 17 depends from allowable base claim 16) to place this application into condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the objections to the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Pending claims 16 and 17 are in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Should any issue remain that prevents allowance of the application, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned prior or issuance of a subsequent Office action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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